

request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

1. Applicants note that the amendments presented in Paper 20 filed January 29, 2003 have been entered in full.
2. Applicants' amendment to the specification to recite priority to the provisional applications claimed in the declaration is acknowledged.
3. Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of any rejection of record which is not expressly reiterated in this action.
4. Claims 1-10, 14, 15, 28-31, 40-42, 46, 48, 50, 53, 57, 63-68, 71, 87-89, and 93-110 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,444,793. Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer which is believed to obviate the rejection.
Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.
5. Claims 19, 22-27, 34, 35, 39, 47, 49, 60, 61, and 90-92 were previously withdrawn from consideration as directed to a nonelected invention. Applicants hereby cancel, without prejudice, claims 19, 22-27, 34, 35, 39, 47, 49, 60, 61, and 90-92.

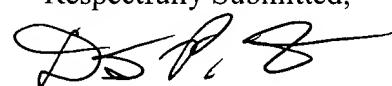
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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